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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM LONDON DATED JANUARY 17, 1978
SENT SECSTATE WASHDC, USUN NEW YORK INFO PRETORIA,
BONN, OTTAWA, PARIS, GABORONE, DAR ES SALAAM, LUSAKA,
MAPUTO IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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DEPARTMENT PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

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TAGS: PDEV, WA, SF, UK, US

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PROXIMITY TALKS AT FOREIGN MINISTER
LEVEL

REF: A) LONDON 784 (NOTAL), B) SECTO 1013 (NOTAL)

1. DURING MEETING IN LONDON JANUARY 16 BETWEEN DAVID
OWEN AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE, IT WAS AGREED TO
RECOMMEND TO SECRETARY VANCE THAT WE PROPOSE TO THE SOUT
AFRICANS THAT PROXIMITY TALKS IN NEW YORK IN FEBRUARY
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BE CONDUCTED AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL (REF A). THE
SECRETARY HAS AGREED (REF B).

2. IDEA IS TO DO ALL WE CAN TO GET THE SOUTH AFRICANS
TO AGREE TO TAKE PART IN THE TALKS AN D NOT RPT NOT
ANNOUNCE THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN JUNE, AS THE
SOUTH AFRICANS HAVE SAID THEY INTEND TO DO LATE THIS

MONTH. SUCH ACTION WOULD PROBABLY SCUTTLE THE PROXIMITY TALKS AND SET THE STAGE FOR AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. IT WOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO SOUTH AFRICANS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER-LEVEL TALKS WOULD NOT BE ON IF THE SAG ANNOUNCED NAMIBIAN ELECTION DATE.

3. FOR USUN: INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING SENT TO UKUN TO DISCUSS THIS WITH YOU. PLEASE COORDINATE WITH BRITISH TO BRING THE PROPOSAL BEFORE THE FRENCH, GERMANS AND CANADIANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. YOU CAN DRAW ON REFTTEL AS NECESSARY.

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